

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-17, 19-21, 23, and 26-35 of the present application remain pending. Claims 1, 17, 21, and 23 are amended herein. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added as a result of the claim amendments.

CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-17, 19-21, and 23-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seager (U.S. Patent No. 5,235,561), hereinafter referred to as "Seager," in view of Granberg (U.S. Patent Application Pub. 2330/0112225), hereinafter referred to as "Granberg." Claim 1 of the present invention recites (emphasis added):

a display/processor module comprising a display and a processor;
a first keypad slider comprising a keypad and a first transparent window, slidably coupled to said display/processor module; and,
a second keypad slider comprising a keypad and a second transparent window, slidably coupled to said display/processor module, and wherein said first keypad slider and said second keypad slider substantially cover said display of said display/processor module and permit viewing a portion of said display through said first transparent window and said second transparent window when they are in a closed position.

Independent Claims 17, 21, and 23 recite similar claim limitations. The Applicants respectfully submit that neither Seager nor Granberg teach or suggest a transparent window of any sort which permits viewing a portion of a display when a first or

second keypad slider are in a closed position as recited in Claims 1, 17, 21, and 23 of the present invention. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that neither Seager alone, or in combination with Granberg, does not teach or suggest the recited claim limitations and that the rejections of Claims 1, 17, 21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are therefore overcome.

With reference to Claim 19, the Applicants respectfully submit that neither Seager nor Granberg teach or suggest a wireless telephone comprising a line selection driver. An exemplary line selection driver in accordance with embodiments of the present invention is described in page 16, line 15-page 17, line 2 of the instant application. The Applicants respectfully submit that neither Seager nor Granberg teach or suggest aligning the edge of a keypad slider with a command line displayed on a display device and selecting a command by indicating an appropriate input (e.g., a keystroke or contact with a touch panel display). Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is overcome.

CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, the Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1, 5-17, 19-21, 23, and 26-35 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Applicants have reviewed the reference cited but not relied upon. The Applicants did not find the cited reference to show or suggest the present claimed invention: U.S Patent No. 6,643,124.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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